**General Information**
Ordering Academic Regalia (tam, hood, gown & tassel; the tassel is yours to keep)

The UGA Bookstore will be at the law school on November 6, 2019, to take orders for regalia. Orders may also be placed at the UGA Bookstore Customer Service area.

Students will receive e-mail reminders with additional information before November 6, 2019.

All official communication regarding graduation will be distributed via the law school’s e-mail listserv at lawstu20@listserv.uga.edu

**Commencement Ceremony**
The School of Law’s commencement ceremony is scheduled for **Saturday May 16, 2020** at Stegeman Coliseum.

**Time of Commencement Ceremony**
The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude around 11:30 a.m.

**Invitations to the Saturday Commencement Ceremony**
You may order official graduation invitations from a vendor of your choice (e.g., UGA Bookstore, Bel-Jean’s, from online sources, etc.)

*There is no limit to the number of guests you may invite to attend the Saturday commencement ceremony.*

**Lodging**
Room blocks have been made at the hotels that are the closest to the law school for the Law School Commencement activities.

**HILTON GARDEN INN**
(706) 353 - 6800  
390 East Washington Street  
Athens, GA 30601  
Group Code: 00LSG  
[Special Booking Link](#)

**SPRINGHILL SUITES ATHENS DOWNTOWN / UNIVERSITY AREA**
(706) 850 - 2072  
220 S. Hull Street  
Athens, Ga 30605  
[Special Booking Link](#)

**HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS**
(706) 546 - 8122  
513 West Broad Street  
Athens, GA 30605  
[Special Booking Link](#)

**UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA CENTER FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION & HOTEL**
(800) 884 - 1381  
1197 S. Lumpkin Street  
Athens, GA 30602  
[www.UGAHOTEL.com](http://www.georgiahotels.com/)  
Code: 92427

[Link to review all hotels available in Athens, GA:](http://www.georgiahotels.com/)
Schedule of Commencement Events

Friday, May 15

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
School of Law open to guests of 2020 graduation candidates for self-guided tours.

6:00 p.m.
Cocktail Reception for Class of 2020 and their guests (UGA Hotel and Conference Center, Mahler Hall)

7:30 p.m.
Dinner on your own

Saturday, May 16

8:15 a.m. - Assistance with Donning Regalia
Law school staff will be available to assist individuals in donning their regalia. Tassel is to be worn over the left eye (indicating you have already received a baccalaureate degree.) You do not switch the tassel after receiving your law degree.

9:00 a.m. - Class Photograph
Please begin congregating at 8:50 a.m. for the photo. The J.D. class photograph is scheduled to be taken promptly at 9:00 a.m. LL.M. and MSL candidates will have their own group photo.

9:30 a.m. - Line Up for the Processional
All graduation candidates will begin to line up in alphabetical order by last name for the processional. Members of the Office of the Registrar will distribute index cards that have both your name and a number printed on them. The number helps to make lining up alphabetically much easier.

10:00 a.m. - Processional
The processional will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. and will be led by Athens-Clarke County Sheriff Ira Edwards

Accepting Your Diploma Tube
After the speeches, the presentation of the MSL and LL.M. candidates, and the conferring of degrees to the J.D. candidates, each graduate will walk across the graduation stage to accept a diploma tube as one of the Honorary Marshals reads their name aloud. The GradImages Photography Co. has been engaged to take individual photos as you cross the graduation stage and accept your diploma tube. Family members and friends are welcome to take their own photos of this particular moment. Space is limited in front of the stage so we ask that individual photographers only stay at the front to snap photos of their graduate and then leave the area so others may come forward.

Diploma
The diploma tube you receive on Saturday does NOT contain your diploma. Diplomas will be mailed to graduates once all grades are in and honors have been determined (e.g., cum laude, magna cum laude, etc.) Generally, diplomas are mailed in late June.

For framing purposes, the size of the diploma you will receive is 12” x 15”.

Length of Commencement Ceremony
The ceremony can last anywhere from 75 minutes to upwards to 90 minutes.

Live Streaming
Live streaming will be available on the law school website.

Returning Regalia and the Diploma Tube
After the graduation ceremony concludes and you have taken all the photos you want with friends and faculty members, and you are ready to leave the coliseum, please return the gown, hood, tam, and diploma tube to the graduate entrance of the coliseum. The purple tassel is yours to keep.

For Questions, Contact:
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Sample Wording for School of Law Graduation announcement
(should you choose to print your own invitations)

The Faculty and Graduating Class of the University of Georgia School of Law announce that (insert candidate’s name here) is a candidate for the degree of Juris Doctor (or Master of Laws) at the Commencement Exercises on the morning of Saturday, the sixteenth of May two thousand and twenty at ten o’clock Stegeman Coliseum University of Georgia Athens, Georgia